



General Assembly

***Substitute Bill No. 5858***

*January Session, 2003*

***AN ACT CONCERNING CONSOLIDATION OF TOURISM DISTRICTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Connecticut Tourism  
2       Council, established pursuant to section 32-301 of the general statutes,  
3       shall develop a plan, in consultation with the executive directors of  
4       each of the eleven tourism districts, established pursuant to subsection  
5       (a) of section 32-302 of the general statutes, to consolidate the eleven  
6       tourism districts into five districts.

7       (b) In developing the plan pursuant to subsection (a) of this section,  
8       the Connecticut Tourism Council shall consider: (1) The value of  
9       tourism to the economy of each new district; (2) the economic effect of  
10      consolidation on the communities in each new district created as a  
11      result of consolidation; (3) the ability of each new district to effectively  
12      market tourism within the district and in the state; and (4) any other  
13      matter it deems relevant. The plan shall include a strategy for  
14      completing the consolidation of tourism districts by July 1, 2003.

15      (c) Not later than June 1, 2003, the Connecticut Tourism Council  
16      shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to  
17      the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
18      cognizance of matters relating to commerce its plan for consolidation  
19      of tourism districts, including proposals for legislative and regulatory  
20      changes necessary to effect such plan.

21 (d) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of section 32-302 of the general  
22 statutes, if the Connecticut Tourism Council fails to develop a plan to  
23 consolidate the eleven tourism districts into five districts, in  
24 accordance with this section, the eleven tourism districts shall be  
25 consolidated, as of July 1, 2003, into five districts that are  
26 geographically the same as the five state congressional districts.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In subsection (d) the phrase "Notwithstanding subsection (a) of section 32-302 of the general statutes" was added for clarity and to achieve the intent of subsection (d).

**CE**            *Joint Favorable Subst.*